Setting up of gas based power plant at Gandhar in Gujarat

93. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to set up a gas based power project at Gandhar in Gujarat has been given final clearance;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat State is likely to face acute shortage of energy in future;

(c) what are the reasons for delay in clearing the proposal of Gandhar gas based power plant; and

(d) by when the Central Government will give final clearance to the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per present projections, the State is expected to meet the energy requirements from 1990-91 onwards, upto 1992-93, provided the ongoing projects are completed on schedule.

(c) and (d) The proposal in respect of a gas-based power project at Gandhar could be processed further after the necessary inputs, including the confirmation of linkage of gas, are tied up.

Telephone exchanges in the rural areas of Gujarat

94. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a big demand to open the telephone exchanges in rural areas in Gujarat;

(b) if so, how many telephone exchanges are likely to be opened in Gujarat before the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(c) how many new telephone exchanges are likely to be opened in Gujarat in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) what are the details of the new telephone exchanges sanctioned in Gujarat in the Seventh Plan and those which are likely to be sanctioned in the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, about forty new telephone exchanges are likely to be opened.

(c) About 300 exchanges will be opened subject to demand and availability of equipment.

(d) Nearly 140 have been sanctioned in first 4 years of Seventh Plan and about 300 new exchanges are expected to be sanctioned during the Eighth Plan period subject to availability of equipment and paid demands.

Plan Outlay in the Power Sector

95. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

SHRI SUBASH MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the Central Plan Outlay in the Power Sector for the year 1989-90;

(b) whether it will be more or less as compared to the outlay of the current financial year 1988-89; and